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MATT'S EXPECTED

THE FRENCH MAIL.
The M. M. steamer *Pitho*, with
French mail, passed Cape St. James on
and may be expected here on the 18th inst.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The O. and O. steamer *Oceanic*, with
American mail, left Yokohama on the
and may be expected to arrive here on the 18th inst.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The O. S. S. Company's steamer *Isolt* Singapore on the morning of the 10th inst. may be expected to arrive here on the 13th inst.

The steamer *Meriondshire* left Singapore the 10th, and may be expected to arrive here about the 13th instant.

The *E. and A. steamer Catterline* left Singapore on the 26th December; and is due here the 19th January.

The British steamer *Glenroy* left Singapore on the 12th, and may be expected here about the 20th instant.

The steamer *Hungarian* left Port-Blanco the 11th, and may be expected here on the 23rd instant.

POST-OFFICE NOTICE.

427 The authorized List of Mails in connection with this paper is the one twice each day in our Extra, which is corrected to a much later hour than that below.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE

For Swatow, Amoy, Foochow, —Per 5 o'clock, 16th inst., at 3.30 A.M.

For Manila, —Per *Diamante*, to-day, at 1.30 P.M.

For Amoy, and Manila, —Per *Esmeralda*, 16th inst., at 3.30 P.M.

For Yokohama, —Per *Ogofordshire*, to-day, 16th inst., at 3.30 P.M.

For Saigon, —Per *Pernambuco*, to-morrow, at 4.30 P.M.

For Kobe and Yokohama, —Per 10 o'clock, 17th inst., at 3.30 P.M.

The Postal Guide published in 1979 is somewhat out of date, a revised issue in the *Chronicle* and *Directory* for 1981 supersedes all previous editions.

MAILS BY THE U. S. PACK

The S. S. "SEUZ" will be despatched MORROW, the 17th inst, with Mails for St. Francisco, the United States, Honolulu, Peru, &c., which will be follows:-

2.15 P.M., Registry closes.

2.30 P.M., Post-Office closes, but Letters to Union Countries may be posted on the day of departure. Late letters sent earlier until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union Countries cannot be sent by this route.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PA

will be dispatched on MONDAY
morning, with Mails to GOA through the
Kardona and Europe, via Naples; to
Streets Settlements, Batavia, Barmah,
India (via Madras), the Australasian
Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PAK
The British Contract Packet "VEN"
will be dispatched on MONDAY the 1st
with Mails to all through the United
and Barore *via Brindisi*; to the Strait
Morocco, Batavia, Barmah, Ceylon, In-
Manzina Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

N.D.—This Packet carries no mail
Australasia Colonies.
The usual hours will be observed
the Mails, &c.

**NOTES FOR CLOSING THE COM-
MAILS:**

DAY BEFORE DEPARTURE (ON SATURDAY)
 departure by air on Monday.
 5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. Office
 closes, except the night box, which is
 open out of office hours.
 THE ENGLISH MAIL.—DAY OF DEPARTURE
 NOON, Money Order Office closes.
 2 P.M., Registry of Letters ceases. For
 all printed matter and patterns ceases.
 3 P.M., Office closed except for Late Let-
 ters.
 3:10 P.M., Letters may be posted with
 Fee of 10 cents until
 3:30 P.M., when the Post Office closes
 3:40 P.M., Late Letters may be posted.
 The Packet with Late Fee of 10 cen-
 time of departure.

DAY OF DEPARTURE.

7 A.M., Post Office opens.
 10 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases. For
 all printed matter and patterns ceases.
 11 A.M., Mail closes, except for Late Let-

of 10 cents until
11.30 A.M., when the Post Office closes
11.40 A.M., Late Letters may be posted
the packet with Late Fee of 10 cen-
time of departure.

SOLDIERS' AND BAILIOWS' LETTERS

1.—Privates in U.M. Army or Non-
commissioned Officers' Handwritten
Schoomasters (not Superintending
Schoomasters) or Schoolmasters may
half-price letters to the United King-
dom at the rate of four cents (tropical
which may be prepaid either to Impos-
Hongkong 2 cents. By private post
postage is 2 cents (one penny).

2.—The same Privates apply to let
addressed to the Private and Non-com-
Officers named above.

3.—Private steamers leave Hong-
London about every ten days.

5.—If from a Soldier or Sailor his description must be stated in full on the cover of which must be signed by the commanding Officer, with name of regiment, is full if, from a Soldier or Sailor, his class and number in the company or regiment, ship, be stated in full.

6.—Soldiers and Sailors have no papers with regard to books or papers, nor can they be prepared with Imperial Stamps.

▪ But not Warrant Officers, viz.—Conductors, Mess, Boatswain, or Carpenter.

Many boxes of letters are received at Office not sealed, that is to say, the fasteners with sealing wax, but there is provision of a seal.

The attention of boxholders is called to the necessity of carefully sealing such letters.

the letter precaution leaves a doubt as to whether the contents of the box ever reach the Post Office; the omission of the form whether-part of them might not have been insisted for the sake of the Postage State.

RATES OF POSTAGE.

Letters, per 3 c.	1
Post Cards, each	1
Books, Patrons, and Commercial?	1
Newspapers & Prices Current, each	1
Registration	1
Do. with return receipt	1

Commercial papers signify such matter though written by hand, do not bear the cost of actual delivery, commercial correspondence, invoices, dead-weight, printed music, &c. This is the same as for Books, but all packets under 4 oz. weight are charged 5 Cents.

When it is desired to forward letters to the United States by a sailing ship which is fitted as carrying a mail, it is only necessary to post the letters in the ordinary way, with the name of the ship, and pre-paid for half a cent as usual. The Post Office undertakes the duty of obtaining notice of departure and despatching the correspondence. It is requested that the letters be posted if at least one day before the date fixed for

